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## T. K. K. TO PUT MORE LINERS ON HONOLULU SCHEDULE

### FOREIGN RECRUITS WELCOME

Those Not Citizens But Willing to Fight Common Foe May Waive Exemption, General Crowder Informs Registration Chairman Green

EMPHASIS on the fact that aliens who have not declared their intention of becoming American citizens may yet join the military service of the United States if they so desire, is carried in a letter received by F. J. Green today from Brig.-Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, provost marshal-general in charge of the selective draft.

The letter points out that no more restrictions are to be placed on such service in the new national army than is placed in the regular army. "Reports reaching this office recently indicate that in some quarters the belief prevails that friendly aliens who have not declared their intention to become citizens, but are ready and willing to serve, are disqualified from entering the military service of the United States, and therefore that they must take out first papers before they can be accepted," says the letter.

"It is to be regretted that such a misunderstanding should have arisen. The qualifications for voluntary enlistment in time of war are no more restricted for service in the new national army than for the regular army."

"Such alien non-declarants are virtually volunteers. The selective service act provided for their registration; but it did not regard them as being under any liability to serve, and it therefore gave them full liberty to claim exemption when called by local boards. Now that information reveals their willingness in large numbers to decline this exemption and to accept service in this war against the common enemy of our civilization, it should be fully understood that their service is heartily welcomed, and they should be accepted, whenever upon summons they fail to claim their right of exemption."

"They are assisting the cause of their own country by aiding the United States to triumph in this war. The more of them that enter the service the better, for in this way will be removed the cause of dissatisfaction heard in some quarters that, although the quota was based on total population including aliens, the actual draft reached only citizens and declarants."

"Local boards are directed to facilitate in every way the acceptance of friendly alien non-declarants for military service and thus to enable them to do their share to assist the country which has given them refuge and an honorable living."

### JAPANESE WITH CANADA'S ARMY MAY HAVE VOTE

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 17.—Japanese in the Canadian army will be given the right of franchise at the coming elections if the new Canadian Military Voters Act, recently introduced in the House of Commons in Ottawa, is passed.

Minister of Justice Doherty has introduced a bill which will allow the taking of a vote of the soldiers at the front for the coming election. This will include all Japanese soldiers fighting with the Canadian forces in France. This is the first step ever taken in Canada to give a Japanese the right of vote.

### WAGES RAISED IN JAPAN TO MEET H. C. OF L.

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)  
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 17.—Owing to the H. C. of L. the officers of the Tokyo prefecture have decided to increase the wages of the employees of the prefecture during the months of August, September and October. The increase is announced as two yen, or one dollar. The Metropolitan Police Bureau has also increased the wages of 6000 men in the police, fire and other departments. It is announced that the Postal Telegraph Company will also give an increase to their employees.

### GERMANY IN ACCORD WITH POPE'S PLAN

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug. 17.—The German foreign office today announces that the German decision on Pope Benedict's peace proposals will meet with the full accord of the Teutonic Allies. The plan has been given the most careful consideration by German officials.

### LATE NEWS

WILL CONTEST POSTPONED.

At the request of attorneys, hearing on the action brought by Miss Irene Dickson to contest the last will of the late Cecil Brown has been continued in Circuit Judge Ashford's court until 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon. Attorneys interested in the case would not say today whether they expect a settlement to be reached before that time.

### CAR COMPANY QUESTIONS UTILITY BODY'S POWERS

A friendly skirmish between the chairman of the public utilities commission and counsel for the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land company, occurred this afternoon in the commission rooms at the beginning of an informal discussion concerning alleged crowded conditions of street cars during rush hours. Attorney D. L. Withington of the car company took opportunity to state that the charter under which the company operates makes it under the control of the governor and the superintendent of public works rather than the utilities commission. "As to that," returned Chairman W. T. Carden, "we feel that we have the same jurisdiction over the Rapid Transit as we have over any public utilities corporation." The incident was passed over without further comment.

### RELATES STORY OF ONLY FIGHT IN REVOLUTION

Man Who Saw Chinese Uprising Asserts German Intrigue Was Cause; Thinks Huns Directed Artillery Fire of Republican Troops

HAT German intrigue was responsible for the last Chinese revolution, which, in fact, was no more than a heartless uprising, is the opinion of Dr. Edward A. Salisbury, one of the three white men who witnessed the only fight of the revolution, who brings to Honolulu startling details of the affair from the Orient. Doctor Salisbury is passing through Honolulu today on his way to New York where he hopes to enter the reserve officers' training corps.

With a Doctor Ellis, whose articles on the Chinese revolution are soon to appear in the Saturday Evening Post, and his moving picture operator, Doctor Salisbury was busily engaged in making a pictorial and a written record of the events of the fight, which took place at Peking on July 12.

"At 4:30 on the morning of the battle, many foreigners had gathered with us at the Chinaman blockhouse, one of the points of attack of the republican forces," says Doctor Salisbury, in relating the story of the battle.

"The imperial troops had gathered in the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the Chinaman blockhouse the night before and as the day came on the republican troops started their attack. Six of the foreigners were wounded shortly after the firing started and everybody was ordered away from the place except myself, Doctor Ellis and our moving picture operator. We were given permits to stay."

"The fighting went on until 1:30 when a truce was arranged and the soldiers became as friendly as possible. The shooting of all the troops was very poor. Many times I saw

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### ARMY PAYS OUT \$693,000 FOR SALARIES IN JULY

Money paid out from the quartermaster's office of the Hawaiian department during the month of July amounted to \$693,000. This included the salaries of officers and the payrolls of enlisted men. The latter amounted to approximately \$450,000.

### ROAD DEPT. PERSONNEL IS SELECTED

W. G. Allen, E. E. Black and C. D. Rea Chosen By Supervisors to Carry Out Big Program Under Tentative Reorganization

TO place W. G. Allen in charge of road maintenance and of the garage department, E. E. Black in charge of all permanent improvements under the frontage tax law and C. D. Rea in charge of the construction of the belt road, is the tentative plan for the reorganization of the engineering, road and garage departments, which has been drawn up by the road committee of the board of supervisors and will be presented to the board this evening for consideration.

The personnel of the reorganization, however, can only be tentative for with the appointment of the new city and county engineer it may be changed or retained by him as he sees fit, for he has the power to appoint his subordinates. It was made at the insistence of Supervisor E. A. Mott, Smith, who asked for both the plan of reorganization and the personnel of the positions under it.

W. G. Allen is now employed by the Spalding Construction Co. and if he accepts the job will be known as assistant engineer in charge of the maintenance of roads, such as repairs and street cleaning, and the garage department. E. E. Black, now with the engineering department as chief inspector of permanent construction, will be known as chief assistant engineer and be in charge of all city and permanent improvement work under the frontage tax law. Under him will be Fred Oht, in charge of all plans, surveys and specifications of the permanent improvement work; F. P. Pierce, in charge of the permanent construction in the field, and C. J. Willis, who will handle all miscellaneous construction. The building of the belt road would be handled by C. D. Rea.

Under each engineer will be a force of draftsmen, surveyors and clerks, who are also named in the plan. By the reorganized plan, according to George Collins, the present city and county engineer, the new engineer will have an organization which will relieve him of all detail work and allow him to supervise the various sub-departments as a whole without being tied down to any one.

### MILLION DOLLAR CARGO IS LOST ON MARU BOAT

Kotohira Wrecked Near Dutch Harbor, Nine Days Out From Kobe

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 17.—Running ashore in the Aleutian islands near Dutch Harbor, the Kotohira Maru is a total loss. A cargo worth more than \$1,000,000 also is lost beyond salvage. The Kotohira Maru was wrecked on July 27, while bound from Kobe to San Francisco, nine days after she sailed from the Japanese port.

Grave doubt was expressed yesterday as to the safety of the Kotohira when she was 35 days out from Kobe and 15 days overdue at San Francisco. Today came the report of the wrecking of the Kotohira in the Aleutians, the volcanic islands extending out from the Alaska peninsula, between the Behring sea and the North Pacific.

The Kotohira was a freighter, and it is believed she carried no passengers on the great circle route from Japan to San Francisco.

No details have been received as to the fate of the crew of the vessel.

### DANIELS CUTS LOOSE FROM NAVY LEAGUE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—An unofficial connection between the United States Navy department and the national navy league has been severed by Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy. This action was taken by the navy secretary because of the charge of the navy league leaders that labor interests had blocked the investigation to determine the cause of the Mare Island navy yard explosion.

### VESSELS ARE NOW BUILDING

Ryozo Asano, Son of Owner of Japan's Biggest Navigation Line in City, Announces Plan for Enlarging Transpacific Service

ON his way to the mainland where he will look into the shipment of American steel for Japanese ships which are being built by a monster ship building firm which his family has recently organized in Japan, Ryozo Asano, son of the owner of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha shipping line, is passing through Honolulu today from the Orient on the Siberia.

"We are building ships at about the rate of one a month and are expecting to have three or four more ships on the Honolulu run by next year," stated Mr. Asano. "I am on my way to the mainland where I will take care of the shipment of steel which we are purchasing from American firms."

"I may go to Washington, but not in connection with the coastwise shipping law," said Mr. Asano. "We are ready to carry American freight as soon as there is a change made in the law. We have the capacity to carry more freight, and even lose money on the space which becomes empty when the boats unload part of their cargo here on their way to San Francisco."

Finances Shipping Yards. Within the last year, the Asano family, which is one of the wealthiest in Japan, has financed the building of shipping yards whose capacity is 20 ships a year. The yards are located at Tsurumi, between Yokohama and Tokyo, and their construction has almost reached completion. So far the works have cost \$2,000,000, but before they are through they will have cost \$5,000,000.

"The first keel was laid last February," said Mr. Asano, "and soon we will be launching the first ships. They will average about 11,000 tons dead weight apiece. "Ships are being built for British and French firms as well as for Japanese shipping firms. While the ships constructed for the T. K. K. line will be built here, the ship yards are entirely separate from the shipping firm," stated Mr. Asano.

That the employers of large numbers of laborers are meeting the demands of organized labor in Japan for the first time of late, is the statement of Mr. Asano. Previously, organized labor has had little influence in Japan, but the time is fast coming when it will have the same influence as in this country, according to Mr. Asano. Strikes have been more frequent than ever, giving evidence of the organization of the laborers.

Mr. Asano is a Harvard graduate and speaks excellent English. He expected to make the trip through on the Siberia this morning, but stated that he might stay over "to play a little golf."

### CHINESE SEIZE HUN BARRACKS, BANK AT PEKING

PEKING, China, Aug. 17.—Violation of international law and the ruthlessness of the German submarine campaign were the main reasons given for the issuance of China's proclamation of war against Germany and Austria.

The proclamation states that China is acting independently of the other entente allies. The declaration of war caused no excitement here. The doors of the Deutsche Asiatische bank were closed and sealed by government order, and it is stated that Teutons will be permitted to attend to their business as long as they do not interfere with China's welfare.

Troops at Tientsin seized the Austrian concession occupied by the German bank and barracks. There was no opposition, and the incident passed off quietly.

### ENGINEER COLLINS WILL RESIGN THIS EVENING

George M. Collins, city and county engineer, said today that he will file his resignation with the board of supervisors at its meeting this evening. Mr. Collins is leaving the employment of the municipal government to accept the position of chief engineer of the B. P. Bishop estate. The resignation will probably be made to take effect October 1 when he will take up the work of his new office.

### BOARD CAN'T CREATE NEW CITY OFFICE

City Attorney Rules That Supervisors Have No Power to Establish Position of Assistant Engineer; Board to Name New Appointee

THAT the ordinance creating the position of assistant city and county engineer with all the powers vested in the office of city and county engineer, which was introduced recently by Supervisor Charles Arnold and passed on second reading by the board of supervisors, is invalid is the opinion of Deputy City Attorney Charles Davis.

The opinion was requested by Supervisor McClellan and will be presented to the board this evening. It was learned this morning, however, that the Republican members of the board have already given up the idea of passing the ordinance and will now devote themselves to the appointment of a new city and county engineer.

Attorney Davis, in a verbal report to the board at the last meeting, stated that the power of appointing the engineer was vested in the board and not in the mayor and it is probable that action along this line will be taken.

Reasons for Nullity. The reason why the ordinance is invalid, as given by Attorney Davis, is that it is probably beyond the legislative power vested at present in the board of supervisors to create an office of the city and county of Honolulu such as assistant city and county engineer, and to provide for the appointment of an officer to fill such office in conformity to the provisions of section 1044 of the revised laws of Hawaii, 1915.

The general law is that the power to create municipal offices must be given to the legislative body of the municipality in its charter by specific and express provisions or by close application and unless so given an office cannot be created and there appears to be no such provisions. "The office of city and county engineer is apparently created by ordinance 32," said Attorney Davis today, "and has already been recognized by the legislature and referred to in act 239 of the 1917 session laws. The office has also been in existence for a considerable time and is absolutely necessary to the performance of the functions of the government."

Attorney Davis also points out that since the office of city engineer is recognized by the legislature it might be argued that the board of supervisors has the implied power to create a minor office but the intent of the legislature seems to be against it.

### TRANSPORT HAS CLOSE ESCAPE FROM U. SHARK

Quick Maneuvering Saves an American Vessel From Destruction; Two Torpedoes Fired

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)  
MAYNARD, Mass., Aug. 17.—It was learned here today that an American transport conveying a sawmill unit to France for service with the Allies had a narrow escape from Teuton sea tigers.

While in the submarine area two U-boats made a sudden attack on the vessel, firing two torpedoes, but quick maneuvering saved the ship.

### OPPOSITION TO INSURING U. S. SAMMIES SEEN

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—Considerable opposition is developing in congress against the bill introduced in the house for the insurance of America's fighters against disability and death.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Samuel Gompers and Judge Mack appeared before the commerce committee of the house in support of the measure, and declared that the object of the insurance plan is to destroy the pension system, which they emphatically denounced.

SUGAR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—Sugar: 96 deg. test, 7.40 cents. Previous quotation, 7.52 cents.

### U. S. NOW HAS 725,000 MEN UNDER ARMS

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 17.—Statements issued today by the war department show that preliminary figures place the total force of national guard taken into the federal service, August 5, at 13,093 officers and 410,834 men. Another statement showed that 180,766 war volunteers have been recruited for the regular service since April 1, leaving only about 2000 vacancies in the regulars at war strength. These figures mean that approximately 725,000 men are now under arms, exclusive of the navy and marine corps, to be supplemented within the next few weeks by 687,000 raised under the selective draft bill. Of the latter number, about 500,000 will compose the third great element of the war army, the national army, and the remainder will go to fill up the regulars and the guard and their reserves.

### EUROPEAN UNIT IS BASIS FOR NEW U. S. ARMY

Division of 19,000 Men to Be Created Instead of 28,000 as at Present

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—It was learned here today that the numbers of the various divisions to be raised in the United States for duty in Europe does not indicate the order in which they will be sent to France.

The strength of a company has been put at 250 men, with two captains and four lieutenants. One captain will be held in command of reserves when the unit goes into battle. A regiment will have a quota of 3600 men while on active service.

It is understood that the total volunteer enlistments since the recruiting campaign began has swelled the ranks of the regular army by 190,347 men.

### WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—

A reorganization of American Army units, under which the division totaling 23,000 men, found unwieldy for service on the European battlefields, is abandoned for the continental unit of about 19,000 men, has been ordered by the War Department.

Under the new plan a division will include only two infantry brigades of two regiments each, in place of three brigades of three regiments each under the old system. Many other organization changes are made, including a material increase in the artillery and machine gun strength of each division. The cavalry regiment now included in each division is detached, a new trench mortar battery is added, and the old army corps plan, abandoned after the Civil War, is again put in operation.

The sixteen divisions of the National Guard, as now constituted, will be realigned in conformity with the new plan after the guardsmen reach their training camps.

The War Department order was announced in a statement issued today. "The American division will be made by this order to conform practically to the units utilized by the entente allies, among whom a division numbers approximately 19,000 men. The reason for the change is that the division as heretofore made up of about 28,000 men is too unwieldy for the demands of trench warfare. With so large a unit, surplusage is inevitable."

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### ATTENTION, SCOUTS!

All Scouts are ordered to assemble at the Capitol grounds at 2 p. m. sharp tomorrow, Saturday, August 18.

Either bring baggage or deliver to O. R. & L. depot before that hour.

R. N. BURNHAM, Executive Commissioner.

### ST. QUENTIN'S CATHEDRAL IS FIRED BY HUNS

Teutons Gain Ground at Verdun But are Beaten Back at Loos and on Aisne

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

FRENCH FRONT, August 17.—The beautiful Cathedral of St. Quentin is a mass of flames today, the entire structure being enveloped. It is denied that the conflagration was started by French shells.

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Aug. 17.—Prince Rupprecht is making strenuous efforts today to regain positions taken by the Canadians around Lens. No fewer than ten separate attacks have been launched, but only a few came within bombing distance.

The Prussian guards were brought up and made a desperate attempt to dislodge the Canadians, but they were subjected to a terrific fire from machine guns and artillery, which concentrated on the advancing Teuton waves, inflicting terrible punishment.

An Associated Press summary today of the news from the western battlefield says the Germans made repeated violent attacks at Verdun with small advantages, but were repulsed at Loos with heavy losses.

On the Aisne front German attacks were also repulsed after severe fighting. British aviators yesterday conducted a series of daring raids on Teuton military positions and railroads in Belgium, dropping tons of bombs and doing great damage.

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 17.—Gen. von Mackensen reports that Rumanian attacks at Pokshani and along the Sereth river have been repulsed.

On the west front, the Entente captured German advance posts at the Yser Canal and north and south of Bixchoote yesterday, and the British succeeded in penetrating the German lines at St. Julien and Warmonet.

After heavy counter attacks the Entente troops were driven out of Langemarck, which now remains in German hands. In all other sections the French and British attacks are reported by Prince Rupprecht as repulsed with heavy losses, and German arms retain their positions. The heavy sacrifices made by the British were in vain.

### KORNILOFF TO BOLSTER RUSS ARMY

Extensive Operations on Rumanian Front Predicted By Commander-in-Chief in Con-fab With Premier Kerensky

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

PETROGRAD, Russia, August 17.—Gen. Korniloff, commander in chief of the Russian armies, who has been in conference with Premier Kerensky on the situation at the Eastern battlefronts, said in an interview that the most energetic measures would be adopted to strengthen the fighting capacity of the army. Operations on a vast scale on the Rumanian front and elsewhere were predicted by Korniloff, who told the interviewer that a winter campaign seemed inevitable.

With 263 steerage passengers, 169 of whom were Japanese and 86 Filipinos, and seven first class passengers for Honolulu, the T. K. K. S. S. Siberia Maru arrived this morning from the Orient shortly before noon. She will leave for San Francisco tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Prominent people from different parts of the Orient were on board of the Siberia. Among them were E. C. Stocker, an engineer from China; C. E. Wright, superintendent of schools of Manila; E. C. Davis, a prominent business man from Yokohama, and H. D. Yates, from China.

On the ship were 971 tons of freight and 78 bags of mail for Honolulu and 5200 tons of freight and 483 bags of mail for San Francisco.

### MARU LINER HAS 269 PASSENGERS FOR HONOLULU